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Graduate Stories

Evan Whipple

by Jacqueline Kent-Marwick

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Camp Kesem at Southern Utah University

by Lindsey Larsen

Ray Munson

I have many teachers in my family, and it is a job that I have always wanted to pursue, but I started out teaching high school students and hated that. As I was doing my prerequisites, I worked as a TA for Mary Jo Tufte in the Biology department, and was reminded again how much I loved teaching, but it was better now because I was working with college students, who were a little more mature and had a greater desire to learn. Once I got into the nursing program, I could tell that I had found a place for the type of teaching I wanted to do. I started speaking with Donna Lister about teaching here during the last few weeks of school. She helped me plan my education; I entered Weber State's Master of Nursing Program in the Spring of this year.

It took me until I was 52 to discover a profession that I could pour my whole heart and soul into. I am currently employed at Beaver Valley Hospital, a small hospital where nurses do a little bit of everything. I work in the ER, provide care for Med-Surg patients, I deliver babies, and sometimes assist in emergency surgery.

This job is magical It is very rare to meet a nurse that doesn't absolutely love their job. Many times I am driving home from a shift and I think, "I can't believe I get paid to do this job!" It is a fulfilling and exciting life that you are embracing.

Heidi Schneider

I graduated from Twin Falls High School somewhere around 1925. Maybe it was closer to 1992, I forget. I graduated with my BSN from Idaho State University in 1997- very pregnant with my first daughter, Meg. I moved to Des Moines, Iowa two days after graduation to join my husband who was in his first year of medical school. I got my Iowa nursing license and started working in the postpartum/newborn unit. I soon moved to labor and delivery and loved it! After medical school we relocated to the beautiful White Mountains of Arizona and I managed my husband's general surgery practice. To this day it's the only job I've ever hated! I went back to the hospital and worked in OB once again.

Four years ago I moved here to Cedar City (minus one husband) and began working in the ER. I never thought I would like anything more than OB, but I was wrong. I love the variety, the fast pace, and the people. I earned my Master's Degree in Nursing Education from Walden University this past April and joined the faculty here at SUU full-time this fall. I couldn't ask for a better group of people to work with! (Not just saying that, in case Donna reads this!)

I am currently teaching the OB section of Care of the Family (my favorite) and it's clinical. I also teach Pharmacology (trying my best to make it fun, but it's tough), and I oversee some of the level 4 students for their preceptorships.

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